पड़ोस में होने वाली गतिविधियों को देखते हुए तथा सरकार देश की सुरक्षा को उत्पन्न होने वाले किसी भी खतरे का सामना करने के लिए सभी आवश्यक उपाय करने के प्रति वचनबद्ध है।

Proposal to reduce expenditure on VVIP security

2420. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of reduced terrorists' threat and the mounting expenditure on this head Government propose to revise the list of VVIP security cover;

(b) if so, by when and to what extent; and

(c) the total annual expenditure incurred in providing the above security cover especially in "Z" category separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The annual expenditure incurred in providing 'Z' category of security to the protectees by Delhi Police is about Rs. 5.37 crores.

Inception of social forestry scheme in Orissa

2421. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the yeare of inception of Social Forestry Scheme in Orissa;

(b) the progress of the scheme in that state since then;

(c) the steps taken to make the scheme a great success in the state; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Social Forestry Scheme started in Orissa from 1983-84 with assistance from Swedish International Development Agency. The first phase of Social Forestry Scheme started in 1983-84 and continued till 1987-88. The second phase of this scheme was started in 1988-89 and will continue till 31st March, 1996. Under two phases of this scheme nearly 2.6. lakh ha. area has been treated and expenditure of Rs. 153.94 crores have been incurred till 30-6-95. In addition during the 1st phase 349 lakhs seedlings were also distributed.

(c) and (d) Increased people's participation in the management of forests is the major objective of these schemes. Accordingly, many forest protection Committees consisting of local villagers are working for the protection of forests in association with the forest department. In addition various training courses and workshops have been organised for the forest department staffs and local villagers for attitudinal alignment to work in tandem for betterment of forests and development of villages. Training have also been imparted for upgradation of technical skills of the forest department personnels in the various field of forest related activities.

Allocation for maintenance of roads

2422. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh and other State Governments have been repeatedly making representations pointing out allocations for original construction, maintenance and repairs of National Highways;

(b) whether according to State Governments the work of maintenance and widening of National Highways has suffered on this account; and

(c) if so, what additional funds have been demanded by the State